



Minute of conference call meeting, Friday 23 September 2011 10.05 a.m. – 12:40 p.m. EST

PRESENT: Co-operative Federation of New South Wales (Marie Winter), Co-operative Federation of Queensland (Jim Howard), Co-operative Federation of South Australia (John Keep, Chris Firth and Trevor Schmidt), Co-operatives Victoria (David Griffiths and Tony O'Shea) and Co-operatives WA (Peter Wells and Chris Enright) plus by invitation Melina Morrisson (IYC National Committee) until 11: 47 a.m.

APOLOGY: Tony Rogic (Co-operative Federation of New South Wales)

1. Preliminaries

1.1 Meeting Notes

That the minute of the CA meeting of 28 April 2011 be approved

M: Peter Wells S: Jim Howard CARRIED

ACTION: Secretary

2. Business arising from previous minute

2.1 IYC 2012

2.1.1 Update

Melina provided an update on Australian IYC activities:

An Australia IYC 2012 web site was about to go live – probably in the second week of October. In the resources and tools section links to Federations with web sites could be incorporated – preferably with logos. The CA logo would also be included on the front page of the site.

Australia Post has now agreed to a stamp series and requires 10 co-op images. - photos from your state member co-ops It was noted that the Secretariat already has photos from CBH, Yenda, Hepburn Wind, Master Butchers, Plumbers Coop, The Coop Bookshop, West Belconnen Health Coop, Macleay RCL, Nurioopta/ Federations are requested to handpick one or 2 from their state if they think they need representing. **Deadline:30 Sept 2011**

About 50 co-ops are to be profiled in a 2012 Commemorative Coffee Table Year Book. Suggestions for co-ops to be included based on a good mix of States, sectors, regions, scale and type. **Deadline 14 Oct 2011**

The International launch of IYC would be on the 31 October 2011 with pre registration closing on 25 September 2011. The Australian launch of IYC would be on the 22 November 2011 at Parliament House and would be launched by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, David Bradbury. This was an IYC Secretariat event and not Federal Government. The launch would be followed by a summit.

At present, the Federal Government had not offered any funding support for IYC.

The Chairman thanked Melina for her contribution.

ACTION: ALL

2.1.2 Decisions

There was discussion on IYC 2012 in Australia and, in particular, the proposed Social Business Council and the Co-operative & Mutual Business Leaders Summit Communique of 17 August 2011, the meaning of social business and the following resolutions were adopted with the support of all Federations:

It was agreed that the commemorative stamps should include each State and Territory and represent the different sector such as agricultural, housing, retailing, health and energy.

That Co-operatives Australia advise the Australian IYC Secretariat that it does not support the development of an Australian variant of the International IYC 2012 logo.

M: Peter Wells S: Jim Howard CARRIED

That Co-operatives Australia agree to investigate over the coming 12 months how the co-operative sector can be better positioned in the future to promote and advance co-operative enterprises based on the experience and outcomes of IYC 2012 and that the proposed November 2011 summit of co-operative and mutual business leaders should be deferred until the second half of 2012 to allow proper investigation of all options.

M: Peter Wells S: Jim Howard CARRIED

That Co-operatives Australia welcomes and supports the launch of IYC 2012 in Australia on the 22 November 2011 and asks State Federations to promote the launch with their members and encourage attendance at the launch.

M: Peter Wells S: Jim Howard CARRIED

The Chairman assured the meeting that he was comfortable as the Co-operatives Australia delegate taking these resolutions to the IYC 2012 National Committee.

ACTION: Chairman

There was also discussion of a national conference and it was noted that this was proposed for Port Macquarie, NSW, although the CFNSW was to discuss and decide on this matter on 7 October 2011.

It was noted that there had been discussion at the previous meeting on 28 April 2011 on the possibility of the NSW conference becoming the national conference.

That Co-operatives Australia support a CFNSW national conference in 2012 which would preserve the co-operative identity and would be willing to work with others where practical.

M: Jim Howard S: Marie Winter CARRIED

ACTION: Secretary and Chair

2.2 CNL

The report was noted.

Jim Howard reported that he had been advised that the legislation was unlikely to be introduced in the NSW Parliament this year.

ACTION: Chairman

2.3 Joint Accounting Bodies

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter.

3. Other Matters

It was agreed that Federations would be asked to respond by email to the following outstanding items on the agenda:

Co-op Database

Co-op Start Up Manual

Tasmania

Co-operative Global News

ACTION: All

4. Further 2011 Meetings

Further conference calls will be organised on an as agreed and need basis.

ACTION: Secretary and Chairman

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